

## AMENDING AUTHORIZATION OF CROOKED RIVER PROJECT, OREGON

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Mr. NEUBERGER, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1221]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1221) to amend the act authorizing the Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Oregon, in order to increase the capacity of certain project features for future irrigation of additional lands, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

#### TEXT OF THE BILL

The text of S. 1221 is as follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize construction by the Secretary of the Interior of the Crooked River Federation reclamation project, Oregon," approved August 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1058), is amended by adding to that section the following: "The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to construct extra capacity in the canal below said reservoir and pumping plants located on the canal for the future irrigation of approximately three thousand acres of land, in addition to the presently proposed development, and to recognize the cost of providing such extra capacity as a deferred obligation to be paid under arrangements to be made at such time as the additional area may be brought into the project."

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, in addition to the sum of \$6,339,000 authorized to be appropriated for the Crooked River Federal reclamation project in section 5 of the Act of August 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1058), as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The objective of S. 1221 is to amend the authorization of the Crooked River project (Public Law 992, Aug. 6, 1956) so as to increase the capacities of certain features as explained in the following narrative:

### STATEMENT ON CROOKED RIVER PROJECT EXTENSION, OREGON

The presently authorized Crooked River project (Public Law 992, 84th Cong., Aug. 6, 1956, 70 Stat. 1058) provides for 97,700 acre-feet of unassigned space in the Prineville Reservoir for future use to serve lands in the Deschutes River Basin other than the approximately 20,000 acres in the authorized project. This reservoir is now under construction. A field study has been completed recently by the regional director of the Bureau of Reclamation of the feasibility of using a portion of the unassigned space to irrigate a relatively small area known as the Crooked River project extension.

The extension lands consist of 2,890 acres located adjacent to and above the lands of the authorized Crooked River project. Water for the extension area would be carried for part of the way through certain of the authorized facilities of the Crooked River project. To permit this would require the construction of the facilities to sizes somewhat larger than authorized as indicated in the following tabulation:

Crooked River project facility	Authorized size	Required enlarged size
	<i>Cubic feet per second</i>	<i>Cubic feet per second</i>
Diversion canal headworks.....	115	140
Diversion canal (8 miles long).....	115	140
Barnes Butte pumping plant.....	78	102
Distribution canal (5.9 miles long).....	78	102
Ochoco relief pumping plant.....	34	60

Studies to date by the Bureau of Reclamation indicate that the extension would be economically justified and a desirable addition to the Crooked River project. A report will be prepared and submitted to the Congress as a basis for authorization of the full works necessary to serve the extension lands.

Enactment of S. 1221 would authorize enlargement of the presently authorized Crooked River project works to permit service ultimately to the extension lands. The cost of such enlargement is estimated at \$480,000. If it were necessary to enlarge the facilities after their construction initially to the sizes currently authorized, it is estimated the cost of enlargement would be \$680,000, or an increase in cost of \$200,000. This increase in cost plus related increased operation, maintenance, and replacement costs would adversely affect the potential extension development.

The construction schedule for the Prineville Reservoir, due to be completed in the spring of 1961, requires that construction of all of the other Crooked River project facilities be initiated no later than June of 1960. In fact construction of the diversion canal should be started this calendar year. Considering the time required to make final

designs, prepare specifications, advertise bids, and award contracts, congressional permission to proceed with the enlarged facilities must be granted this session if the opportunity to save \$200,000 in developing the full potential of the Crooked River project is to be realized.

From all facts presented, it appears that the interest of the Federal Government could be best served by permitting work to proceed immediately on the enlargement of the authorized facilities.

#### COMMENTS OF EXECUTIVE AGENCIES

The comments of executive agencies are as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Washington, D.C., July 27, 1959.

Hon. JAMES E. MURRAY,  
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,*  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR MURRAY: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on S. 1221, a bill to amend the act authorizing the Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Oregon, in order to increase the capacity of certain project features for future irrigation of additional lands.

We recommend that the bill be enacted.

The act of August 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1058), authorized the construction of the Crooked River project, Oregon, to irrigate approximately 20,000 acres of land in Crook County, Ore. In addition, it was contemplated that the storage capacity in the works would make available an estimated average of 51,000 acre-feet of water annually for use on lands other than the 20,000 acres mentioned above.

The Bureau of Reclamation of this Department is currently investigating the feasibility of serving an area consisting of approximately 2,900 acres with a portion of the surplus water supply. This area is contiguous to the service area which would receive water under the project as heretofore authorized, and could be served by using the diversion dam headworks, main canal, distribution canal, and pumping plants of the authorized project. However, this can be accomplished only if additional capacity is built into certain of the project supply facilities. The estimated cost of providing such additional capacity is \$480,000.

S. 1221 would amend section 1 of the act of August 6, 1956, *supra*, by adding a provision which would specifically authorize the enlargement of the facilities below the reservoir to permit the delivery of water to the additional 2,900 acres of land, and the deferral of the repayment of the cost of providing the extra capacity until such time as those lands would be brought into the project. It would authorize, also, such appropriations, in excess of the amount of appropriations previously authorized for the Crooked River project, as would be required to make provision for the additional capacity. The bill would not affect in any other respect the provisions of the 1956 project authorization act, and all of the provisions of that act would be applicable to the facilities which would be enlarged should S. 1221 be enacted. It should be pointed out that the enactment of this bill would not authorize the construction of any new facilities; the con-

struction of new facilities that may be needed for the purpose of serving the 2,900-acre area will require authorization action at some time after the current feasibility study will have been completed.

Since it is expected that the invitations to bid on the diversion dam and the main canal will be issued shortly, it is important that legislation such as that which is contained in S. 1221 be enacted promptly if the specifications are to be prepared in a manner which would accommodate irrigation service to the 2,900-acre area. If provision is not made for enlargement of the authorized facilities to serve these 2,900 acres the cost of independent facilities would be prohibitively expensive and it is doubtful if service to this area ever would be feasible.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that, while there would be no objection to the submission of such report as we deem appropriate, it believes that action on the bill should be deferred until a feasibility report on the extension irrigation unit to be served is submitted to the Congress or, in the event the committee determines early action on the bill is advisable, the bill should be amended to provide that actual construction of the enlarged facilities shall not be initiated until such a feasibility report is submitted. A copy of its July 24 letter to this Department is enclosed in accordance with its request.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. AANDAHL,  
*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, D.C., July 24, 1959.

The Honorable the SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
(Attention Mr. Theodore F. Stevens, Assistant to the Secretary,  
5312 Interior Building).

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY: This is in reply to Assistant Secretary Aandahl's letter of July 7, 1959, transmitting copies of the report that the Department proposes to present to the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee on S. 1221, a bill to amend the act authorizing the Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Oregon, in order to increase the capacity of certain project features for future irrigation of additional lands.

While there would be no objection to the submission of such report as you deem appropriate, the Bureau of the Budget believes that action on the bill should be deferred until a report on the proposed project modification has been submitted to the Congress in accordance with established procedures. If, however, in view of the unusual circumstances involved, it is determined by the committee that early action on the bill is advisable, we believe that the bill should be amended to provide that actual construction of the enlarged supply facilities should not be initiated until a favorable feasibility report has been submitted to the Congress in accordance with established procedures. It is requested that a copy of this letter accompany your report to the committee.

Sincerely yours,

PHILLIP S. HUGHES,  
*Assistant Director for Legislative Reference.*



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, D.C., March 27, 1959.

Hon. JAMES E. MURRAY,  
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,*  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in reply to your letter of March 5, 1959, requesting the views of the Bureau of the Budget on S. 1221, a bill to amend the act authorizing the Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Oregon, in order to increase the capacity of certain project features for future irrigation of additional lands.

The Department of the Interior has not submitted a report on the project modification proposed in S. 1221 to the Bureau of the Budget under procedures prescribed in Executive Order No. 9384. Until a report is received together with the views and comments of the affected States and other interested Federal agencies, the Bureau of the Budget has no basis for appraising the merits of the proposed development.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the committee defer action on the bill until a report has been submitted in accordance with established procedures.

Sincerely yours,

PHILLIP S. HUGHES,  
*Assistant Director for Legislative Reference.*

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